

Appendix 14 – Management Plans, Areas & Stipulations

SPRING MOUNTAINS NATIONAL RECREATION AREA GENERAL MANAGEMENT PLAN (SMNRA GMP):

In 1993 the Las Vegas Ranger District became the Spring Mountains National Recreation Area (SMNRA). **The Forest Service is seeking applications for the use of National Forest System lands by commercial companies and other organizations** that provide public service, do not require new permanent structures or development on public lands, and are compatible with the multiple use management objectives in the SMNRA **General Management Plan** (*hereafter GMP*). The SMNRA GMP can be found [here: https://www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_DOCUMENTS/fseprd649448.pdf](https://www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_DOCUMENTS/fseprd649448.pdf).

- **Explosive growth:** The population of the Las Vegas Metropolitan Area is coextensive with Clark County and constitutes about 76% of the population of the State of Nevada. Since 1990 America's population grew by a third (33%) whereas the Las Vegas Metropolitan Area population grew by over 300%, a growth rate of almost ten times the national average.
- **Caveat regarding plan figures:** Per the above, the SMNRA GMP was written when the population was much lower, and the restrictions by management area (below) have not been updated to reflect current population and visitor counts. We will consider these factors when we allocate service days for selected applicants who wish to provide recreation opportunities and other services to the area's 2.3 million residents and 40-50 million annual visitors.

HUMBOLDT-TOIYABE NATIONAL FOREST LAND AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLANS:

The SMNRA is part of the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest. The Humboldt-Toiyabe has **two Forest Management Plans** with amendments (*Humboldt NF and Toiyabe NF*). These documents can be found [here: https://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/htnf/landmanagement/planning/?cid=fsm9_026859](https://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/htnf/landmanagement/planning/?cid=fsm9_026859). The SMNRA GMP is Amendment 5 of the (1986) Toiyabe National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan and its Appendices.

FOUR SMNRA MANAGEMENT AREAS & STIPULATIONS:

Management Areas: The GMP describes the SMNRA as 315,648 acres of National Forest System land in Clark and Nye Counties, with **four management areas**. *See Appendix 1, Area Maps*. Special restrictions are listed below. Applicants are strongly advised to visit SMNRA lands before submitting an application.

SMNRA WIDE (All management areas collectively, including Areas 11, 12, 13 and 14):

- Require permits for publicized and/or organized events with **25 or more participants** (0.130).
- Require permits for groups with **15 or more pack or saddle stock**. Require as part of the permit, all participants must stay on approved trails. Require removal of all hay and fecal material as part of site rehabilitation (0.131).
- Require **one portable toilet** (or equivalent) to be supplied by permittee for every 25 participants in a publicized and/or organized event, except for use of group use sites that have permanent restroom facilities (0.132), provided that the permanent restroom facilities offer adequate coverage.

DEVELOPED CANYONS (AREA 11): Includes the most well-known, popular, and ecologically diverse parts of the Spring Mountains. This area extends along the east side of the Spring Mountains below Mt. Charleston Wilderness and includes Kyle and Lee Canyons and Deer Creek and the communities of Mount Charleston and Cold Creek.

- **Commercial Filming** – Less than 20 people/participants, Less than 5 vehicles (max. vehicle size is 9 passengers per vehicle), no semi-tractor trailers (11.41).
- **Outfitter/Guide Vehicle Tours** – Max. group size 5 vehicles (less than 9 passengers/vehicle), max. tours 100 tours per year and 2 tours per day (11.37).

MT. CHARLESTON WILDERNESS (AREA 12): (*Also applies to the National Forest portion of the La Madre Mountain Wilderness and Rainbow Mountain Wilderness.*) Includes but is not limited to the peaks at the crest of the Spring Range surrounding Charleston Peak, the Carpenter Canyon Research National Area, and sensitive alpine areas.

- **Events** – Require permits for publicized and/or organized events with 15 or more participants if any portion of the activity takes place in the Wilderness (12.21). Competitive events are prohibited (12.22).
- **Outfitter/Guide Activities** – Permit for hiking, equestrian, and climbing activities (12.28).
- **Pack or Saddle Stock** – Pack and saddle stock are limited to day use on all of South Loop Trail and on North Loop Trail from Trail Canyon trail junction to Charleston Peak (12.18). Max. of 15 pack or saddle stock on trails in the Wilderness for organized trail rides (12.24). Outfitter/Guide horseback operators will only be allowed to use South Loop and Bonanza Trails. On South Loop Trail, limit Outfitter/Guide permittees (horseback) to 30 visitor days and a max. group size of 5 people (12.25).

WEST-SIDE SMNRA (AREA 13): Includes most of the less-developed west slope of the Spring Mountains. The west side stretches from Wheeler Wash and Wheeler Pass through Clark, Wallace, Carpenter, Trout, and Lovell Canyons, Potosi Pass, and Cottonwood Pass, and serves the adjacent communities of Mountain Springs and Pahrump.

- **Outfitter/Guide Vehicle Tours** – Max. group size 5 vehicles (*less than 9 passengers per vehicle*), max. of 200 tours per year and 4 tours per day. Outfitter/Guide vehicle tours are allowed on Wheeler Wash Road (FS 601), Wallace Canyon Road (FS 081 and FS 081a), Clark Canyon Road (FS 071) to the Junction of FS Road 566a, Wheeler Pass Road (FS 510, 557 and 601), Lovell Wash Road (FS 537), and Lovell Summit Road (FS 536) (13.13).

MT. STIRLING (AREA 14): Includes the remote and undeveloped northwestern end of the Spring Mountains, including the National Forest portion of the Mt. Stirling Wilderness Study Area, as well as surrounding lands to the north (*Big Timber and Jaybird Springs*) and west (*Horseshutem and Santa Cruz Springs*).

- **Outfitter/Guide Vehicle Tours** – Max. group size 5 vehicles (less than 9 passengers per vehicle), max. of 100 tours per year and 2 tours per day. Outfitter/Guide vehicle tours are allowed on Jaybird Road (FS 552), Big Timber Road (FS 553 and 555), the unnumbered FS Road connecting Big Timber and Jaybird Roads via Gold Springs Road (FS 592), and Horseshutem Road (FS 551) (14.6).